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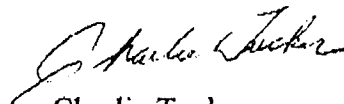
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you this brief letter to ask you to utilize your office and influence to expedite the finalization of the settlement proposal in the Microsoft anti-trust case. This case is three years old. It has been the subject of endless controversy and continuous litigation, negotiation and mediation, and is now ready and ripe for settlement. Your Justice Department and Microsoft have reached an agreement. It is fair, timely and overdue. Please support it.

The agreement will allow Microsoft to retain its present corporate structure. In return Microsoft will substantially change its marketing practices and marketplace philosophy. Microsoft will hereafter promote the use of non-Microsoft software by reconfiguring its Windows platform systems to readily accept competitors' products. Microsoft will now even share certain Windows technology with the rest of the industry in order to facilitate innovation and choice for consumers. Within the industry Microsoft will now license its Windows products to major computer manufacturers at similar terms and prices. This settlement contains all of this and more in an effort to prod Microsoft's competitors to greater market share. Such concessions merit a settlement.

Let's let Microsoft get back to the work of leading the IT industry into this new century.

Sincerely,



Charlie Tucker